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Subject: Proposed Action for the Granite Basin Trails Project

I, Aaron Mead, and my family strongly support the Granite Basin OHV Trail Development Project. The Granite Basin area has long been a very popular destination for motorcycling for myself, my family and friends. This is a beautiful area that offers intermediate and expert single track trails for motorcycles.

The Project is much needed due to the impact of the August 2010 Record of Decision for the Plumas National Forest Travel Management Plan, which greatly reduced riding opportunities in the Feather River District. Additionally, the more recent policy change by Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) closed SPI lands to public access by motor vehicles, including some roads on SPI lands that are needed to access public lands.

The project will enhance recreational opportunities for OHV users by providing approximately 15 additional miles of carefully located, well planned, and sustainable singletrack trails suitable for intermediate riders. The Project will improve connectivity between trails by road reclassification and/or mixed use where appropriate. This will facilitate loop travel by off-road motorcyclists and OHV enthusiasts who utilize quad, side by side, and other four-wheeled vehicles, by providing legal connecting routes. I believe this project will create sustainable trail systems, and the reroutes mitigate erosion which will be great for protecting watershed areas and natural habitat.

I feel OHV Route Alternative 2 would address resource concerns the best. Alternative 3 also looks very promising.

I am pleased with the overall high quality of the project, and appreciate the numerous resource protection measures that will be included in project design and implementation. I would like to thank Butte County, Butte County Resource Conservation District, and the Plumas National Forest for their efforts to date for the project, and strongly wish that it move forward to completion in a timely manner.

Thanks,
Aaron Mead